

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(105)

CWP-6342-2024

Date of decision: - 18.03.2024

Rahul Singla

....Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Information Commission and another

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present:- Mr. Abhishek Singla, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent No.1 to register the complaint dated 19.12.2023 (Annexure P-3) filed by the petitioner and thereafter provide a date of hearing.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner had moved an application dated 06.12.2023 (Annexure P-1) under the Right to Information Act, 2005 and the Public Information Officer had illegally not supplied the information with respect to the same and thereafter, the petitioner had filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 before respondent No.1, but the said complaint dated 19.12.2023 (Annexure P-3) has neither been registered nor any date for preliminary hearing has been granted. It is further submitted that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied in case the office of respondent

No.1 is directed to list the said complaint for preliminary hearing in a time bound manner and thereafter, considers the same in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible.

3. Keeping in view the above-said facts and circumstances and the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the office of respondent No.1 to register the complaint dated 19.12.2023 (Annexure P-3), filed under Section 18 of the RTI Act by the petitioner, in case the same is complete in all respects, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and respondent No.1 is directed to consider the same as expeditiously as possible, in accordance with law.

4. It is made clear that this Court has not opined on the merits of the case and respondent No.1 would consider and decide the matter independently, in accordance with law.

March 18, 2024
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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No